

DBQ Evaluation Criteria

CRITERIA	POINTS
● Cites both documents in the essay	1
● Creates a thesis statement and supports it with appropriate evidence from the documents	1
● Demonstrates a basic understanding of the content of the documents	1
● Includes points-of-view from both documents	1
● Analyzes or compares key ideas by groupings or pairings	1
● Arguments are clear, and analytical	1
● Uses parts of documents persuasively	1
● Demonstrates analytical insight in document analysis	1
● Brings in relevant outside historical information to support thesis	1
● Includes a strong conclusion	1

GRADING KEY

0–3 points = below average or D

4–6 points = average or C

7–9 points = above average or B

10 points = superior or A